

HB 1655 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to promote the safety and well-being of children by limiting the ability of children to access sexually explicit materials and to ensure the law reinforces and supports the wishes of parents regarding their children's access to such graphic materials.

Provides that a person who is convicted of violating this act is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Declares that the state of Washington fully occupies and preempts within the boundaries of the state the entire field of regulation and sanctions for displaying, selling, furnishing, presenting, or otherwise distributing matter or performances that are harmful to minors.

Provides that counties, cities, towns, or other municipalities may enact only those laws and ordinances relating to matter and performances harmful to minors that are consistent with this act.

Provides that local laws and ordinances that are inconsistent with, more restrictive than, or exceed the requirements of this act may not be enacted and are preempted and repealed, regardless of the nature of the code, charter, or home rule status of such county, city, town, or municipality.

Repeals provisions of chapter 9.68 RCW.